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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Pennica and Rastelli

Application No. 09/816,653

Filed: March 23, 2001

For: NOVEL HUMAN STRA6-LIKE
PROTEIN AND NUCLEIC ACIDS
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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action dated March 17, 2003 for a period of two months.

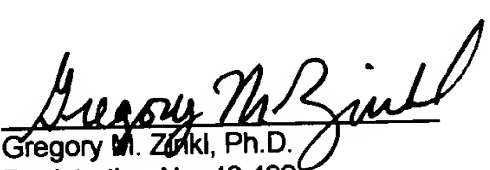
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